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Sir:

It is requested that the time for response to the Office Action mailed November 4, 2002 be extended 2 months so that it expires on April 4, 2003.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$410.00. If a further extension is needed, such extension is requested, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit any other amount which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-2775.

Respectfully submitted,

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